Letter From the Bishop of Olba.

Mr. Editor: In your issue of May 27th I notice an article signed Fair Play," in answer to Mr. R. L. Stevenson's open letter to the Rev. Dr. C. M. Hyde. My object in addressing you is not to discuss the relative merits of Mr. Stevenson's letter and "Fair Play's" reply, as every reader of both writings is able to form his own opinion of each. Neither do I care to analyze the "compliments" paid by the doctor to the memory of the late Father Damien. If "Fair Play " and others are pleased with them, it proves their taste. There is one point though in the whole controversy which I consider it my duty to take up-and that is the moral character of Father Damien, because "Fair Play" seems to suppose, as an undenied truth, the bold and odious assertion of Dr. Hyde, - that Father Damien contracted leprosy by his vices. \* \* \*"

known here by means of foreign papers, the Catholic Mission held its peace, awaiting the expression of public opinion. Up to that time I had never beard of any slur cast upon Father Damien's moral puri ty. I immediately made secret but serious confidential inquiry about the matter, and I learnt, from reliable sources, that the damaging rumors had no other foundation than a malicious interpretation of charitable acts performed by him with childlike simplicity. Publie opinion does not credit those foul rumors here, though there are a few people that take stock in the scandal, for reasons best known to

In your last issue you publish an interview of Dr. Hyde with the Examiner in which the doctor sustains his original letter on Father Damien. Further, a clipping from the Liverpool Courier which I rece'ved lately, contains Dr. Hyde's letter to Mr. Bets, and in this letter the doctor again maintains his original statement and he even adds: "The Catholic Mission here makes no denual of the truthfulness of my testimony.

Now, as head of the Catholic Mission here, further silence on my part would give the color of truth to Dr. Hyde's slanderous attack on the late Father Damien, and, therefore, I beg you to publish the following declaration which I make as head of this Mission:

"I do most emphatically deny the truthfulness of Dr. Hyde's tesmony against the moral purity of se late Father Damien."

Please publish the above in your mext issue and oblige.

Respectfully yours, HERMAN, Bishop of Olba, V. Ap. Honolulu, Jane 7, 1890.

The Voice of Hawaii.

MR. EDITOR -The present anomolous condition of the Cabinet has presented a scene differing from any that has ever before occurred under this Government; and yet this situation was anticipated at the formation of the Cabinet in 1887, as among the possibilities that might happen. It has been demonstrated, however, that an obnoxious member of it may defy the efforts made by the majority of his associates to secure his withdrawal. The only alternative is for the Legislature to request his resignation in such way as it may decide, and if not complied with to take such action as shall secure his removal.

With the exception of the Attorney-General, the present Cabnet has shown its fitness for the public service, and most unquesonably satisfies the great majority of the people, both natives and forguers. A more efficient Minister of the Interior never filled the place Than Mr. Thurston, nor has any previous occupant accomplished in the way of public improvements, during three years, half what he has done. This is evident on every island of the group.

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ance in office. There can be no doubt that the people are well satisfied with the majority of the present Cabinet. and desire their retention, provided harmouy be restored by the appointment of an Attorney-General who can work with his associates. If the native section possesses a iswyer qualified to be Attorney-General, and whose appointment would be creditable to the public, by all means let him be named. But let us not cast aside men who have proven their fitness for posi sons for which very few are quali-KA LEO O KA LAHUI.

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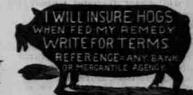
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